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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT-PARA 2)

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1. (C) SUMMARY. THE PRIME MINISTER MET 11/26 WITH SECURITY, JUDICIAL, AND POLITICAL PARTY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MOUNTING POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND BANDITISM THAT IS CAUSING WIDE-SPREAD INSECURITY, EVEN TERROR, AMONG RWANDANS, PARTICULARLY IN KIGALI. THEY RECOMMENDED DISMANTLING PARTY YOUTH GROUPS AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD CURBING VIOLENCE. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CREDIBLE REPORTS OF ATTACKS AND INTIMIDATION, LARGELY ON THE PART OF PARTY YOUTH, IN

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RECENT WEEKS. THOUGH MOST RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE PITTED HUTU AGAINST HUTU, THE MINORITY TUTSI FEAR THEY WILL BECOME THE ULTIMATE VICTIMS. MEANWHILE, A GROUP OF ABOUT 40 RWANDANS, HUTU, HAVE IN A CURIOUS TWIST OF EVENTS, SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE BURUNDI EMBASSY IN KIGALI DEMANDING ASSURANCES OF SECURITY BEFORE THEY WILL LEAVE. THE EMBASSY GUARD SERVICE WILL BE ALERTED TO REFUSE UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY TO OFFICIAL COMPOUNDS AND RESIDENCES. END SUMMARY.

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING

2. (U) PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE CALLED TOGETHER THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND JUSTICE, THE HEADS OF THE ARMY AND THE GENDARMERIE, AND THE LEADERS OF THE FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE GOVERNMENT--MRND, MDR, PL, PSD AND PDC--TO DISCUSS MOUNTING VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY IN KIGALI. THE GROUP ATTRIBUTED THE CURRENT WAVE OF INSECURITY TO POLITICAL INTOLERANCE AND ARMED BANDITRY. TO CURB

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THE VIOLENCE, THE MEETING RECOMMENDED DISMANTLING THE YOUTH WINGS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. (U) THE SECURITY MEETING CITED SEVERAL OTHER ACTIONS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION. IT CALLED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES TO BE IMPARTIAL, FOR DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE GENDARMERIE, AND FOR THE ELIMINATION OF PRESSURE ON PARQUETS (INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM). THE MEETING RECOMMENDED THAT PEOPLE OR GROUPS WHO PROVOKE VIOLENCE IN SPEECHES OR WRITING SHOULD BE PROSECUTED. IN THIS REGARD, THE LEADERS OF THE MDR, PL, AND PSD DEMANDED THAT THE MRND SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR AN INFLAMMATORY SPEECH MADE BY ONE OF ITS OFFICERS IN A REGION WHERE ETHNIC MASSACRES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST. THE SPEECH CALLED FOR ALL TUTSI TO RETURN TO ETHIOPIA WHENCE THEY CAME AND SUGGESTED THAT THE RIVER WOULD BE THE FASTEST ROUTE, IMPLYING THAT TUTSI SHOULD BE KILLED AND THEIR BODIES THROWN INTO THE RIVER.

4. (C) LIBERAL PARTY LEADER MUGENZI, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE HAD PLAYED FOR THE GROUP A TAPE OF THE OFFENSIVE SPEECH OF LEON

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MUGESERA IN KABAYA COMMUNE, GISENYI PREFECTURE AT THE WEBKEND. SOURCES NOTE THAT MUGESERA IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENTOURAGE. HE IS GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED WITH COMPLICITY IN THE MASSACRES OF AN ESTIMATED 300 TUTSI THAT WRACKED KIBILIRA (JUST SOUTH OF KABAYA) SHORTLY AFTER WAR BROKE OUT IN OCTOBER 1990.

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RECENT INCIDENTS

5. (LOU) A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATHS, INJURIES, INTIMIDATION, INCITEFUL TRACTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS RECENTLY:

-- CND DEPUTY INTIMIDATED. A FEMALE (TUTSI) LEGISLATOR WHO LEFT THE MRND PARTY FOR THE PL, HAS BEEN HARRASSED REPEATEDLY SINCE JULY. ON THE NIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 7 AND 8 HER HOME WAS STONED AND WINDOWS BROKEN BY YOUTHS SHE IDENTIFIES AS INTERAHAMWE (MRND YOUTH). A TRACT DATED OCTOBER 27, BEARING AN MRND PARTY SECRETARIAT SEAL, ACCUSES HER OF SYMPATHY WITH THE RPF AND CALLS ON THE MRND TO EXTERMINATE HER AND

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HER FAMILY. HER ATTACKERS REMAIN AT LARGE ALTHOUGH
SHE HAS FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM AND THE
JUSTICE MINISTER HAS ORDERED THAT THEY BE ARRESTED.
(NOTE. DCM VISITED HER HOME AND CONFIRMED THE
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PHYSICAL DAMAGE.)

-- HOUSE BURNINGS. FOLLOWING MRND AND MDR DEATHS IN
SHRONGI LAST WEEK (REFTEL), PEOPLE OF THE AREA
CONTINUED TO REPORT HOUSE BURNINGS AND INTIMIDATION,
ACCORDING TO HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. THE TROUBLE WAS
APPARENTLY TRIGGERED BY THE KILLING OF AN MRND
ACTIVIST APPARENTLY AT THE HANDS OF MDR YOUTH. SOME
SOURCES SUSPECT THE MRND ACTIVIST MAY HAVE BEEN
KILLED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE WHO THEN USED HIS DEATH AS
AN EXCUSE FOR "REVENGE" AGAINST THE MDR. THEY NOTE
THAT, IF TRUE, THIS COULD REFLECT NORTH-SOUTH
TENSIONS WITHIN THE INTERAHAMWE, AS THE DEAD MRND
ACTIVIST CAME FROM THE GITARAMA AREA, AN MDR
STRONGHOLD.

-- VICIOUS ATTACKS. YOUTH REPORTEDLY STALKING A
SECTION OF KIGALI NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 21 CARRYING
MACHETES AND LANCES APPARENTLY USED THEIR WEAPONS TO

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CAUSE CONSIDERABLE INJURY, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES WITH CONTACTS IN THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY WARD. REPORTS IDENTIFIED THE YOUTH AS INTERAHAMWE.

-- DISGUISED? PSD YOUTH REPORTEDLY ENTERED THE TROUBLED KIGALI SECTION OF REMERA AND THEN PROCEEDED TO KILL, WOUND, AND DESTROY PROPERTY OF APOLITICAL RESIDENTS. SOME SOURCES ALLEGE THAT ATTACKERS WERE INTERAHAMWE DISGUISED AS PSD.

-- THREATS. A GROUP OF YOUTH ENTERED THE HOME OF A PSD MEMBER IN A KIGALI SUBURB, STRANGLED HIS MAID,
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AND LEFT NOTES THREATENING TO KILL THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

-- MORE THREATS: THE HOME OF AN OPENLY MDR JOURNALIST, WHO WAS BEATEN LAST DECEMBER WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, WAS ATTACKED NOVEMBER 19. SUBSEQUENTLY, TRACTS BEARING AN MRND SECRETARIAT STAMP APPEARED IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISING HIM AND OTHERS, BY NAME, TO MOVE OUT OF THE AREA OR ELSE.

-- GENDARME KILLED: A GENDARME WHO ALLEGEDLY STRUCK A MEMBER OF THE INTERAHAMWE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED IN FRONT OF WITNESSES IN A BAR HE OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD.

-- MINE CARRIERS. A BROTHER AND SISTER, BOTH TUTSI, WERE ARRESTED IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE IN POSSESSION OF A LAND MINE. UNDER QUESTIONING, THEY REPORTEDLY SAID THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

-- ARRESTED AWAITING TRIAL. 400 MDR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND ARE AWAITING TRIAL IN THE KIBUYE PREFECTURE FOR DISTURBANCES LAST AUGUST THAT RESULTED IN LOSS OF LIFE AND MASSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE.

-- ROAD BLOCKED. THE ROAD WEST FROM KIGALI TO KIBONGO WAS BLOCKED BY PERSONS THOUGHT TO BE INTERAHAMWE. AN MRND YOUTH WAS KILLED. THE GENDARMES ARRESTED TWO PSD AND SEVERAL INTERAHAMWE YOUTH.

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HUTU SEEK REFUGE AT BURUNDI EMBASSY

5. (LOU) IN A CURIOUS TWIST, ABOUT 40 RWANDANS IDENTIFIED AS HUTU MEMBERS OF THE MDR SOUGHT REFUGE NOVEMBER 26 IN THE BURUNDI EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO THE COUNSELOR AT THE EMBASSY, THEY REFUSE TO LEAVE UNTIL THEIR SECURITY CAN BE ASSURED OR UNTIL THEY CAN BE PROVIDED SAFE PASSAGE TO BURUNDI. THEY CLAIM THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER IN THEIR SECTION OF KIGALI (GIKONDO) WHERE THEY ALLEGE HELMETED INTERAHAMWE HAVE ATTACKED MORE THAN 100 PERSONS WITH GUNS AND GRENADES

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OVER THE PAST 10 DAYS OR SO. THEY TOLD THE BURUNDI
OFFICIAL THEY HAD CONTACTED ALL POSSIBLE AUTHORITIES
BEFORE SEEKING REFUGE AT THE BURUNDI EMBASSY,
SELECTED, THEY SAID, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THERE WOULD
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SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTAND THEM. NEITHER
THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE NOR THE KIGALI PREFET HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE THE GROUP TO LEAVE THE
EMBASSY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED
CROSS VISITED THE SCENE. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAY THE
MDR IS PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE GROUP.

EMBASSY PRECAUTIONS

6. (LOU) THE EMBASSY IS REITERATING INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE CONTRACT GUARD FORCE TO REFUSE ALL UNAUTHORIZED
PERSONS ENTRY TO THE GROUNDS OF MISSION OFFICES OR
PERSONAL RESIDENCES.

COMMENT

7. (C) THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SECURITY INCIDENTS
IN AND AROUND KIGALI IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE
RESULTED IN MOUNTING TENSIONS AMONG HUTU, BUT ALSO
AMONG TUTSI, WHO SEE THEMSELVES AS THE ULTIMATE
VICTIMS SHOULD HUTU RIVALRIES ESCALATE. THE PRIME
MINISTER'S SECURITY MEETING MARKS A MAJOR FIRST STEP
IN TRYING TO BRING SOME OF THIS THUGGERY UNDER
CONTROL. THE KEY WILL BE WHETHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN
SWIFTLY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
MEETING. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP WITH THE MINISTER OF
DEFENSE AND OTHER SECURITY OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF
THE IDEA OF SUSPENDING THE ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL
YOUTH GROUPS. THE ISSUE COULD RECEIVE CABINET
BLESSING TODAY OR TOMORROW.

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